

Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure A

The two opponents of Measure A are employing baseless fearmongering to argue against a common-sense, advisory-only Finance Commission that will increase transparency and promote fiscal responsibility.

What's the downside to receiving expert financial advice regarding the annual budget or funding pensions from an advisory board of qualified Los Gatos residents? We don't see one.

Consider this:

The Commission will have no ability whatsoever to halt or delay funding for emergency response. And why would they want to? The Commission will include five Los Gatos residents with a vested interest in the health and safety of our town. Implying anything to the contrary is a cheap scare tactic.

Most elected officials are not financial experts. Couldn't our town benefit from the expert advice of highly-qualified residents with extensive backgrounds in business, economics and finance? Los Gatos still owes more than \$60 million in unfunded pension liabilities as of June 2019, up 48% from 2015. Maybe it's time for some expert financial advice.

Measure A does not supplant the Council's decision-making power. It simply offers the Council access to financial expertise should they need it.

The Commission will operate in public meetings. Members of the public can attend. Plus, all binding financial decisions will still be left to the Council, which ultimately is accountable to voters.

Don't be misled by the outlandish and bogus claims of the two sole naysayers. Los Gatos deserves smart, transparent and responsible fiscal management. Vote Yes on Measure A.

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Of the ballot Measure A at the General/Special Municipal Election for the Town of Los Gatos to be held on November 3, 2020, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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Date: <u>August 10, 2020</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bona Fide Association of Citizens
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